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BACK TO ROUTINE

BUSINESS BECOMES NORMAL AFTER PRE-CHRISTMAS RUSH.

PURCHASES WERE GOOD

Merchants Say Holiday Buying Was Up to Average, Though More Useful Presents Were Bought.

After two weeks or more of the pre-Christmas rush of shoppers, business assumed almost normal proportions in Maryville today, although it was better today even than normally, on account of it being Saturday, when country folk usually come to town. The extra clerks in some of the stores were relinquished this morning and the "out-of-order" appearance in many stores caused the past week by the unusually heavy Christmas trade disappeared today and the tired, jaded look had left the clerks. Some stores were open yesterday part of the day to accommodate tardy shoppers and to finish the delivery of purchases.

Nearly all merchants, be they dealers in dry goods, groceries, drugs, cigars, clothing, shoes, hardware or candies and confections, report that this pre-Christmas business was good, in fact some say was better than ever before. One noticeable observation of the merchants in Maryville this holiday was the fact that more useful presents than ever before were purchased by the Christmas shoppers.

Utility vs. Extravagance.

The usually silly, extravagant and worthless gifts that are so often bestowed upon loved ones at the Yuletide season, dealers say, gave way to clothing, shoes, household furnishings and various articles of utility. Of course, the usual sale of candies, nuts, oranges and confections is reported, most of this going to children, but the "grown-ups" gave and received, in the majority of cases, serviceable articles.

One event that has probably caused this change in buying, some say, is the war in Europe and the resultant cry of distress from Belgium and other war-torn countries on that continent. The appeal of the poor in the cities of tubercular patients and other unfortunate ones also is believed to have had an effect on the buying public.

Passenger Business Good.

Both the Wabash and the Burlington local agents say a large passenger traffic resulted here for several days before Christmas and again today. There was little difference, it is said, in the amount of incoming and outgoing traffic. The passenger traffic also will be heavy Monday, it is expected, as many went to their homes or to friends and relatives to spend Christmas, then also get today and tomorrow "off." The express business also was good—in fact, both local express offices were "loaded to the guards" with Christmas gifts and the usual line of shipments.

EVANS HEADS TEACHERS.

Retiring School Superintendent Elected to Association—Local Educator on Board.

William P. Evans, state superintendent of public schools, who will be retired from that position on January 1, has been selected as secretary of the Missouri State Teachers' association by the executive board in special session. Prof. C. A. Hawkins, one of the members of the faculty of the State Normal school here, is a member of that board. Evans will be on a salary nearly as large as that he now receives from the state.

Evans will succeed E. M. Carter of Cape Girardeau and Prof. W. M. Oakerson of this city, who has resigned as secretary of the Missouri State Reading Circle, which recently was consolidated with the secretaryship of the association of teachers.

FEW CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS.

Few Nodaway County Nuptials This Yuletide, Records Here Indicate.

That the number of couples who secured marriage licenses in the office of the recorder of deeds here this pre-Christmas period was less than the few days prior to Thanksgiving, is the record established by J. Arthur Wray. Why this should be so, and that the Christmas weddings this year should be so much scarcer than previous years is a mystery J. Arthur cannot fathom.

But the records show that only two marriage permits were issued here Thursday. One was in the morning to a Hopkins couple, and the other was that afternoon to Earl R. Booth, 25 years old, of Quitman, and Cora A. Huff, over 18 years old, of Wilcox.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

CLEAR OUT MAIL QUICKLY

Extra Hours and Extra Help Keep Mail Distributed Well This Christmas.

While the Christmas mail at the Maryville postoffice this year was heavier than any previous Yuletide, it was cleared away in quicker time and distributed in boxes and over the city within less time than ever before, it is said. Extra clerks and carriers worked nearly all day yesterday to get the many gift bundles distributed and delivered, but even this morning the parcels kept coming in. A few tardy Maryville folk even didn't get some of their gifts mailed until yesterday.

All parcels that came in to the local postoffice up to noon yesterday got out over the city, it is even to the edge of town, except that in some instances where business houses were closed it was impossible to find the recipient. In these cases the bundles were returned to the postoffice to await today's delivery.

The parcel post has been a boon to Christmas givers. Parcels weighing as much as fifty pounds—the limit in the first and second zones—and several feet in dimension, or in length, were handled by the local government force. Large bundles from great distances also came through the mails with but a few cents postage as a tax, whereas before the inauguration of the parcel post system the postage would have made it prohibitive.

FARMER LOSES \$350 HORSE.

"Corn Stalk" Disease Continues to Kill Work Animals Throughout County.

The "corn stalk" disease continues to deplete the supply of farm horses in Nodaway county. Farmers in the north part of the county are especially being hard hit by the disease. Many residents of Hopkins, Atchison and Lincoln townships have lost one or more horses within the last month, and seemingly the deaths will not diminish.

One of the most recent deaths from this disease reported here was of a horse valued at \$350, owned by Leonard Lynch, who lives on the Prather land, two miles west of Maryville. It was a young mare, which Lynch but a few days ago refused to sell for \$350. It died Wednesday night, after it had been fed shredded corn fodder.

FILE AMANDA YOUNG WILL.

Maryville Woman, Who Died Recently, Leaves Property to Children.

The will of Mrs. Amanda Young, who died at her home, on East First street, about two weeks ago, was filed in probate court this morning. She divides two-thirds of her real estate and personal property equally between her two children, Madison D. Young and Mrs. Florence M. Douglas. The remainder goes to her grand children.

She named Madison D. Young as executor. This has not yet been affirmed by Probate Judge W. H. Conn, but probably will be soon.

NICHOLAS AHLERS.

German Consul Who Is Being Tried in England For Treason.



Photo by American Press Association.

SCHOOLS IMPROVE

EDUCATIONAL CONDITIONS IN THE STATE FINE, REPORT SHOWS.

EFFICIENCY IS RAISED

DINE MANY 'OUT-SIDERS'

Teachers Better Paid, Study Courses More Thorough, Terms Longer—Daily Attendance Good.

In the twelve-year period between 1902 and 1914, the total enumeration decreased 5.3 per cent, according to figures compiled by State Superintendent W. P. Evans. In the same length of time the average daily attendance of pupils increased 5.4 per cent.

In 1892 the average length of the school term in Missouri was 143 days; in 1914 it is 163. Expenditures for public schools increased during the twelve years from \$8,169,288 to \$17,696,052.

The total number of teachers increased from 16,347 to 19,446. The average annual salary of the teachers increased from \$306 to \$500.

Mr. Evans says recent legislation has tended to infuse new life into the public school system of the state.

Enumeration Shows Decrease.

Although enumeration of school children in Missouri decreased for the school year ending June 30, 1914, more than 32,000, the enrollment in the public schools increased 16,000 and the average daily attendance increased more than 21,000.

These figures indicate that children are attending school more regularly than heretofore.

This report shows more than 66 per cent of the teachers of the state receive less than \$500 annually, or a salary of but \$1.60 a day. It also shows that 39 per cent receive less than \$400; 16 per cent receive less than \$300, and 2.8 per cent less than \$200 annually.

Few Out of School.

Of the 314,160 children of school age enumerated, 706,364 were enrolled in the public schools.

The total number of days attendance by all pupils in public schools for the year was \$3,945,876, the average daily attendance was 515,233, the average length of school term 169.9 days.

Only thirty-four school districts had less than four months school. The report shows that 542 had between four and six months; 3,239 had between six and eight months, and 635 held school for more than eight months last year.

Last year 22,131 pupils of the public schools graduated from the state course of study, of this number 9,720 being boys and 12,411 girls.

The total enrollment of the high schools was 45,179, of this number 19,572 being boys and 25,607 being girls.

Few from Normals.

Of the 19,446 teachers in Missouri, 8,674 were teaching upon second and third grade county certificates and only 1,426 held life, five years, or state rural certificates. Of the total number 2,536 held diplomas issued by state normal schools.

During the school year, 2,707 teachers who had had no previous experience were teaching in the public schools.

That the public schools are largely in the hands of women teachers is indicated by the fact that 14,207 of the 19,446 teachers are women. Low salaries have driven the male teachers of experience from the field except as principals and superintendents or teachers in the high schools.

The average monthly salaries of male teachers is \$66.22 and of women \$59.84. The general average is \$61.41. This applies only to the school term and not to the whole year.

WEATHER TURNS COLDER.

Moderation Followed by "Below Zero" Weather and "Raw" Winds and Cloudiness.

After a few days of slight moderation in temperature, Maryville folk awakened this morning to find the mercury in the thermometers between 9 and 11 degrees below zero and a "raw" northerly wind blowing brisk and fresh beneath an overcast sky. The change really began yesterday but did not get down to the lowest temperature.

When J. R. Brink, official observer, read the government weather meter at 7 o'clock this morning he found that the coldest period of the night was 9 degrees below zero. Many thermometers about town, however, showed a minimum temperature of 10 and 11 degrees below zero.

Three more meetings after tonight are planned by the boosters. They are to be at Hopkins next Monday night, Harmony church Tuesday night and Burlington Junction Wednesday night.

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BAPTISTS FEED 750

MUSIC AND SONGS FOLLOWED CONGREGATIONAL FEAST.

CHRISTIANS GIVE TO POOR

City's Unfortunate Are Remembered by Church and Charity Board on Christmas.

There were many dozens of "white gifts for the king" offered by members of the Sunday school of the First Christian church in the Christmas service held at that church Thursday night. But the Christian church was not alone in this work. The city charity board also co-operated with the church in the bestowal of serviceable articles and food to the poor and needy of Maryville.

The largest church dinner ever served in Maryville fell to the honor of the congregation of the First Baptist church Thursday night when, in the true spirit of Christmas, it fed 750 men, women and children, 100 or more of whom belonged to no church. For four hours, or from 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon until 8 o'clock that night, the great big basement room of the Baptist church was filled with the diners.

Every arrangement had previously been made—part of it a week or more in the past—to serve the persons within the quickest possible time and to the best advantage. So far as it done that few were compelled to wait but a few minutes after arriving. Tables were fitted up to dine 250 persons at one time.

Served 65 at Own Homes.

The first two tables were filled to overflowing, mostly with children, it having been the plan to have the tots eat first, then let the older folk dine. The next two tables were nearly filled. There were four services during the feast, so that it is estimated by the Rev. Lewis M. Hale, pastor, that fully 750 persons were fed within those four hours.

Included in the 750 were sixty-five dinners taken out of the church and direct to the homes of persons too old, feeble or ill to come to the church to dine. Another samaritan policy adopted at the Baptist feast was in providing automobiles and other vehicles during the evening to bring the real old or ill folk to the church when such a call was made.

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These persons mingled with the members of the Baptist congregation freely and many warm compliments and thanks were paid to the Baptists.

Among the many edibles served during the evening were 100 chickens, most of them donated by members of the congregation and cooked by the women folk. Most of the food was previously cooked at the homes of the church members, then taken to the church kitchen and there kept warm until served. Several gasoline ranges also were placed in service in the Sunday school rooms to facilitate matters.

May Repeat Next Year.

There is little doubt in the minds of Mr. Hale or the leading members of the church that the Christmas dinner will not be given again next year by the Baptists. "Personally, I am strongly in favor of making it an annual feature of the First Baptist church," said Mr. Hale this afternoon, "and man yof the more prominent workers have expressed the same sentiments. If we do hold a Christmas dinner again next year it will serve more than ever."

After the four-hour feast the primary department of the Baptist Sunday school gave a musical and song service in the auditorium. Some members of the Sunday school also gave several musical numbers during the dinner.

PICKERING TO SEE VIEWS.

University of Missouri "Boosters" Were at Skidmore Last Night.

The stereopticon slides depicting activities at the University of Missouri, and especially in the agricultural college, will be shown at Pickering tonight under the auspices of the Nodaway county club of the university. The same views were shown at Skidmore last night and drew a fairly large crowd, it is said.

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BULGARIA OUT YET

BALKAN REPUBLIC WOULD REMAIN NEUTRAL IN WAR.

ATTACKING SHIP SUNK

French Submarine is Destroyed When It Attempts to Torpedo Austrian Battleship—Rescue Crew.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Italian press states, according to advices to the Matin, that a French submarine belonging to the fleet of vice admiral Lapeyer has been sunk while attempting to torpedo an Austrian battleship in the Austrian naval base at Pola. The crew of the French submarine was rescued by the Austrians and taken prisoners, it is stated.

London, Dec. 26.—It is reported that the Bulgarian government has agreed to remain neutral in the present war if Roumania takes sides with the triple entente composed of Great Britain, France and Russia.

JOHN W. COLEMAN DIES.

Funeral Services to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at M. E. Church.

The funeral services for John W. Coleman, who died at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, on East First street, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the First Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Gilbert S. Cox. The interment will be in Miriam cemetery.

Mr. Coleman was 74 years old. He was one of the first farmers to settle in the north part of the county, coming here from Illinois when a young man and taking up land near Pickering. He made his home there until about ten years ago, when he came to Maryville to reside.

Mr. Coleman died about a year ago and Mr. Coleman is survived by five children. They are Mrs. Donna Young of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. A. J. Harris of Maryville, Mrs. Louisa Johnson of St. Louis and Frank and John Coleman of Maryville. A sister of Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Lou Howe of Harding, arrived in the city at noon today to attend her brother's funeral.

MASON'S TO INSTALL OFFICERS.

Two Lodges to Make Change in Joint Session—No. 165 Open All Day.

The two local lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Nos. 165 and 479, will have a joint installation of officers for the ensuing year today in Masonic hall. The installation usually is held on St. John's day, which occurs on December 27, but on account of that date falling on Sunday this year, the lodges are given the prerogative of setting the installation time a day ahead or a day back of the holiday.

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GRAHAM TO BETTER SCHOOL NOW.

Court Decision in Consolidation Suit Welcomed by Southwest Town of the County.

Circuit Judge W. C. Ellison has handed down the decision that the consolidation of the several school districts around Graham is lawful and binding upon all the districts so consolidated.

This will enable the town of Graham to have a permanent and first class high school establishment in less than three years. Next year an eleventh grade will be added and the laboratory work made more extensive. The next year it will be put on the list of first grade high schools complete with twelve grades. This gives the country pupil a chance to get a more satisfactory education and without the expense of tuition.—Graham Record.

Clyde Pastor Receives Car.

The Rev. Frown Morgen, O. S. B., the zealous pastor of St. Benedict's church at Clyde, is the recipient of a five-passenger motor, the gift of his father and brother of Beloit, Kan. This gift is no doubt much appreciated by Father Frown, and his parishioners are happy in the thought that a means for promoting pastoral visits has been provided him, for, as the pastor in a small town he has some times to cover much space in order to reach the bedside of a sick parishioner. Mr. Joseph Morgen, a brother of the priest, is giving him lessons in handling the car.—Catholic Tribune, St. Joseph.

Here from St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lippman and son, Cyrus, of St. Louis arrived in Maryville yesterday morning to spend the holidays with Judge C. A. Anthony and family and Mrs. Lizzette Lippman and family.

Man, 35, Buys First Suit.

Leroy Smith of Gentry, 35 years old and a farmer, bought his first suit of clothes this week, and after getting a hair cut, a shave and otherwise "sprucing up," went among his friends of years standing unrecognized. He always has dressed merely in overalls, "jumpers" and the usual laboring garb.

Notice.

All brothers are requested to be at Odd Fellows hall at 10 o'clock Sunday to attend in a body the funeral of John W. Coleman, at the First Methodist church. JOHN AWALT, N. G. AMOS SPRECHER, Sec.

Shakespearean Play Good.

"A Winter's Tale," by Shakespeare, a Warner feature film, shown at the Fern theater last night, drew a large crowd. The pictures were good and descriptive in every way of the work.

The theater today is being fitted with a small foyer, to make the theater proper more comfortable during the cold weather.

Here from Des Moines.

Mrs. Rosa Marshall of Des Moines, Ia., arrived in Maryville Friday to spend the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Utter.

Return to Des Moines.

Misses Mary and Margaret Foster of Des Moines, Ia., who have been visiting their grandmothers, Mrs. W. T. Cartrett and Mrs. John Foster, will return tomorrow to their homes.

Misses Mary and Fannie Albright are visiting at Pickering, the guests of Miss Edith Jones.

HOW MISSOURI SAVES THE LIVES OF HER PEOPLE

State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon Offers Hope to Those Stricken by Tuberculosis.

SUCCESSFUL BATTLE WAGED

It Costs the Poor Man Nothing and Scores of Men and Women are Restored to Health and Usefulness.

On a sunny hilltop in the Ozarks within a rifle shot of the town of Mount Vernon in Lawrence county, the state of Missouri runs a life-saving station. By means of this life-saving station many people get well every year who otherwise would die of consumption. The life-saving station is called the Missouri State Sanatorium for Incipient Tuberculosis, and the state maintains it so that those sufferers from the "great white plague" who have not the money to go to private sanatoriums may have just as good a chance to get well as folks with money have.

And they do get well at Mount Vernon, too. More than 65 out of every hundred people who come to the big, cheerful, well-kept institution go away measurably restored to health and able

people who believe they have consumption and want to go to the sanatorium. It costs \$50 a month to take care of each patient at Mount Vernon, for the food is of the best, and the care offered by physicians and nurses comes high. The state doesn't skimp in the quality of its treatment. Missouri is willing to contribute \$25 a month toward the support of each patient who is admitted to the sanatorium if the county in which he lives is willing to put up the other \$25. Only a very few counties in Missouri have refused to do this. So after being examined by the state's doctor in your locality it is simply a matter of going before the county court of your county and proving to its satisfaction that you deserve to be admitted to the sanatorium.

The patient arriving at Mount Vernon is usually put to bed for a time. His temperature is taken every day, and he is weighed once a week, and as soon as he begins to show marked improvement, he is allowed more freedom to exercise.

The site of the sanatorium is a beautiful wooded hill-top, where the sun comes dancing through the leaves, and bird notes of one sort or another may be heard most of the year. Plenty of summer resorts are not so attractive in location nor do they serve such good food as the Mount Vernon sanatorium.

Much of the food is raised on the sanatorium farm. Tuberculosis patients require a great many eggs and a great deal of milk to help them regain their strength, and the sanatorium has its own herd of registered Holstein cows and hundreds of White Leghorn chickens. There is a big garden, so that fresh vegetables may be easily obtained, and along in the spring there's a strawberry patch big enough to supply plenty of berries for everybody on the place.



THE SCHOOL HOUSE AT THE STATE SANATORIUM.

to earn a living for themselves and their families. And they get well not by taking medicine—there's very little medicine given at Mount Vernon—but by consuming large quantities of fresh air and wholesome food, by resting a lot and living out-of-doors. All nature's medicines, you see, wisely administered by doctors who have made a study of tuberculosis, or consumption.

The first thing that surprises the visitor to the life-saving station at Mount Vernon is the cheerfulness of the place. Instead of a gloomy atmosphere, which so often exists around a hospital, there is a general air of hope. Almost everybody you see, doctors, patients and nurses, seem to be smiling. Even the folks who are sick enough so that they have to be in bed are cheerful and smiling and expecting to get well. And the very large majority of them do, too.

The sanatorium, of course, is for the benefit of people in the early stages of tuberculosis. If the disease is taken early enough, it can almost always be checked. Not always, of course, there are some unfortunate cases, and there is no cure-all for consumption. Any doctor who tells you there is, is lying, and any patent medicine which guarantees a cure for consumption is a quack remedy and usually of no benefit at all. But doctors have learned that the great white plague, which twenty years ago was almost always fatal, can very often be checked, and its victims restored to health, so that they are able to lead active, normal lives. There is at least one country editor in Missouri today who is well and earning a living for his family because he went to the state sanatorium at Mount Vernon in time. His friends didn't believe he'd ever get well. But the editor had courage and faith, and the sanatorium justified it.

The method of getting into the sanatorium is this. The sanatorium people have appointed doctors all over the state who are qualified to examine

Dr. H. H. Hinsler is the state's chief superintendent at Mount Vernon. He is the superintendent of the sanatorium and has charge of its management. The medical supervision of the hospital is under the direction of Dr. C. C. English.

But the most important thing to remember about the Missouri State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon is that it is saving lives every day in the year. People suffering from tuberculosis better their chances of recovery very greatly by getting treatment early, before the disease has gathered much headway. And that's exactly what the Mount Vernon sanatorium helps them to do. And it gives the poor man as much of a chance to recover his health as is accorded the man with money.

AN OUT-OF-DOOR SCHOOLHOUSE.

Grown men and women aren't the only people who suffer from consumption. In the Missouri State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon, where people in the early stages of consumption go to get well, there are thirty boys and girls now. When the first children came to Mount Vernon for treatment several years ago, the doctors and nurses in charge of the sanatorium realized that it wasn't enough to heal these little folks' bodies—that they must also be doing something for their minds while they were getting well.

And so Mrs. C. C. English, who used to be a school teacher and is now the wife of one of the sanatorium doctors, opened a school for the children in a room in one of the sanatorium buildings. Now the children have a building all to themselves, and it's a mighty interesting sort of a school. When they aren't in school—and school only lasts during the mornings—there is two hundred acres of woodland for them to explore, and it is full of birds and squirrels. And there's a creek on the sanatorium grounds where a fellow can sometimes catch fish if he's patient enough.

ARTILLERY FIGHTS FROM LYS TO OISE

French Official Report Tells of Advances Made In Belgium.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The following official statement was issued:

"In Belgium there have been intermittent artillery battles. From the Lys to the Oise we gained the fork of the roads from Loos to Ruitrode and from Loos to Vermelles.

"To the northeast of Albert we took possession of a portion of the village of La Boisselle.

"To the north from Roye to Lihus we also have made some progress.

"To the south of the Oise our artillery has demolished the defense works of the enemy in the region of Bally. On the Aisne and in Champagne there have been artillery battles and several German attacks have been repulsed. To the north of Supigny, notably, a slight advance of our troops has been followed by a strong counter attack, which has completely failed.

"In the region of Peltre and Mouille-Hurlus our progress of previous days has been followed up and strengthened. To the north of Meaux we took possession of a forest strongly prepared by the enemy. To the northwest of Mesnil we have driven the enemy from the fragments of trenches which he occupied, and we are now masters of all his first line of defense.

"In the Argonne, in the forest of La Grunie, we have repulsed five attacks and strengthened our front. Between the Aisne and the Meuse, in spite of the snow and the fog, we have made progress in the Bourreuil-Vauquois front.

"In the region of Oisy and the forest of Forges our heavy artillery, by subduing the machine and machine guns of the enemy, has enabled our infantry to make a leap in advance.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans have bombarded the south corner of the forest of Convenvoie, where we are established. In the forest of Ailly and Abremont our artillery has forced the enemy to evacuate several trenches."

British Warships Engaging Dresden.

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 26.—The Chilean gunboat Tome reports the British cruiser New Castle cannonading fifteen miles from Valparaiso. It is supposed it has engaged the German cruiser Dresden and converted cruiser Prince Adelbert Frederick.

Sunday Services at Local Churches

Buchanan Street Methodist Church.

John H. Hubbard, pastor.

Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock.

Morning worship at 10:45 with sermon by pastor. Subject, "The Revival."

Evening services at 7:30.

Regular meeting of Epworth League at 6:30 o'clock.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Rev. H. C. McPherson and son, Howard, of St. Joseph, spent the day yesterday visiting Mr. McPherson's brother-in-law, the Rev. John H. Hubbard, and family.

ment will report through its head, and a summary will be given by the minister. There will be the election of officers followed by the basket dinner served by the men of the church. The usual evening services will close the day. In the morning Mrs. J. M. Donahoe of Duluth, Minn., will sing a solo, and Mrs. F. P. Robinson will sing in the evening. At the afternoon fellowship service a splendid musical program will be given under the direction of Dr. D. J. Thomas. The public is cordially invited to be with us at all the services.

Guest of the Hubbards.

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To Visit at Tarkio.

Miss Ruth Trout of Tarkio, who is attending school in Maryville, left Thursday for her home to spend the holidays.

Here from Boone.

Dr. Rolla Allender of Boone, Ia., came to Maryville Thursday to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Allender.

High grade Illinois Lump, Egg or Nut Coal, well forked, \$4.75 to \$5 per ton. Burlington track or delivered. Doll Reese, weigher. Wm. Everhart, if.

M. J. Heffern of Omaha and his sister, Miss Margaret Heffern of Conception, came to Maryville yesterday to spend the week end visiting their mother, Mrs. M. Heffern.

To Wed Barnard Woman.

A marriage license was issued in St. Joseph late Thursday afternoon to Leonidas Edwards of Grand Island, Neb., and Miss Georgia Gardner of Barnard.

Visiting at Hopkins.

Mrs. C. E. Gregory went to Hopkins yesterday to spend the holidays with her son, T. M. Gregory, and family.

Miss Bertha Schmander, who is employed in the Haines store, spent the day yesterday visiting home folks at Burlington Junction.

Centerville Lump Coal, well forked, \$4 per ton, delivered or at Burlington track. Doll Reese, weigher. Wm. Everhart, if.

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Among Your Business Problems the most predominating one is in getting connected with the buyer. You must have store service, the kind of goods for your trade. You want appropriate window displays must be able to produce whatever is demanded in your line. And then you must know how to go after the buyer. Unquestionably the most effective economical and productive way of reaching the buyer is through newspaper advertising. Because the newspaper reaches right into the home of the buyer and give him or her the news of your store as well as news of happenings. Your advertising or store news in the Democrat-Forum would reach hundreds of buyers. These people want to know what you have. They will look for your advertisement. Advertising in the Democrat-Forum, consistently applied has and is producing good results for others. It will do the same for you.

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FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGISTS

The Accusing Coin

A Christmas Parable

By EDWIN MARKHAM

It was when Ferdinand was king in Naples, back in a little ring of noisy years long past and gone. A whirr of mist across the dawn. A little legend of those years stays to proclaim their tools and tears, one little legend that, I wit, is in the Book of Judgment writ. And now the accusation of this time will cry into the ear of Time.

The King to bind with crafty hold St. Francis of Castelluccio, Flung to the front, pure of gold— You should have seen the courtiers stare— A thousand ducats as an aim To lay within God's reaching palms!

But Francis, friend of God, stooped down And, lifting up one coin aghast New stamped with Ferdinand's head and crown,

He bent it till it broke, when lo, Blood gushed from it in scarlet flow!

"Take back your gold," the friar cried; "The traitor gold that prods your pride! Hold to the people's blood you draw Through stealthy treasons of the law! This blood is ours, our gifts and wrongs Of them to whom the gold belongs. Give all to them if you would give The gold into God's hand and live!"

Beware! All deeds, even deeds of kings, May cry from out these mortal things.

—New York Sun.

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There is more Cancer in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and the cure is not to be found in any of the known cures. For many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has since learned that it is a constitutional disease, and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Cancer Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the constitutional parts of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for each case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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Talk on Osteopathy

Number 3

A great discovery has just been announced. Dr. Edward Cyran of London, England, has been experimenting with Acute Croupous Pneumonia or lung fever as he says, in the New York Medical Journal.

Acute Croupous Pneumonia, or lung fever need not longer be feared as formerly.

By treating this disease with Mechano therapeutic or with the hands, it can be reduced to a comparatively simple disease.

However, one thing must be insisted upon, that is that the treatment be given by one who is thoroughly competent and has a trained hand or disastrous results will ensue.

The above treatment for pneumonia is exactly as Dr. Still has been teaching and practicing for 35 years, and has proved four times safer than any other known system of healing.

DR. E. J. CARLSON

Osteopathist.

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To Property Owners

Now is the time to have your curb boxes to water connections cleaned out, and covers put on in case of a sudden burst of pipes before the ground is frozen and save added unnecessary expense and trouble. We do such work.

18,500,000 MEN FIGHT IN EUROPE

Mighty Armies Engaged In Death Struggle of Nations.

FIERCE COMBATS EVERYWHERE

One of Greatest Conflicts Known to History Raging From Prussia to Carpathians—Warfare In West Seems Just as Furious.

WAR BULLETINS

Christmas at the front, both east and west, saw no abatement in the fierce struggles that have been going on for weeks between the warring nations for some decided result which might turn the tide of battle. The German forces in Russian Poland, under Field Marshal von Hindenburg, continue their assaults upon the Russian line which blocks their way to Warsaw. All these attacks were repulsed with great loss to the Germans, it is stated in the Petrograd communication.

Italy has occupied the Albanian port of Avlona, as the result of a revolution which has broken out in Albania against the Turkish ruler, Essad Pasha. This step was taken to restore order and afford protection to Europeans and peaceful inhabitants, but intervention by Italy in Albania carries with it the possibility of the participation of that country in the present conflict.

A German aviator drove his machine across the English channel, evidently with the intention of making an attack on Sheerness. However, like his compatriot who recently made an attempt against Dover, he was unsuccessful, being driven away by British aircraft.

London, Dec. 26.—The opposing armies in the mists of war today number all told nearly 18,500,000 men, or 38,000,000 with all reserves and "new" troops counted, according to a French statistician, Yves Guyot.

The expenditure required, he estimates at an average of nearly \$2,500 daily per man, or about \$11,000,000,000 for one year of warfare. A single year of the present war, he thinks, will cost about the same amount of money as the total expenditure for all the wars of the previous fifty years.

In the west the allies' hammer is tapping at the German entrenchments, trying to find a weak point, while in the east the Russians, who have been driven back from the Austrian and German frontiers, seemingly have been brought to bay behind rivers, which offer them natural lines of defense and, turning, have counter attacked the Austro-German forces.

Drive Russ Over Rivers.

The Germans, in their rush towards Warsaw, under direction of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, drove the Russians over the Bzura and Rawka rivers and they themselves succeeded in crossing these rivers, but, according to the Russian official report, the Germans there reached the main Russian line and were routed. From this report it is gathered that the Germans directed their main attacks against the Russian front, which lies along the banks of the Bzura river and thence southward to the Pilica river, but without success.

Along the rest of the front south to the Carpathian mountains the Russians claim similar victories, but on the East Prussian frontier the Germans apparently have turned the scales on their adversaries and, after having retreated to their own territory, resumed the offensive and again are back in Mlawa, whence they originally tried to outflank the Russian forces north of the Vistula and work southward to the Pilica river but without success.

The Christmas Gift.

Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, Three wise men who follow the star

Over the deserts early and late Until they arrive at Bethlehem gate.

"Where is he born who is King of the Jews?" For we bring the gifts which a king may use."

Casper said, "Myrrh is the gift I bring, The very gift for an infant king."

Melchior said, "Mine is frankincense, A gift I bought at a great expense."

Balthazar, "Mine is the gift of gold, A royal gift of price untold..."

These are the gifts of the wise men three. What, O heart, shall thy gift be?"

L. O. Williams

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

Some Timely Yuletide Season Advice For Children and Others.

This is the beginning of the time before Christmas when every one is thinking of holiday doings and Christmas presents. This, too, is a time of great excitement, when the grownups get tired thinking of what to give and often tired of shopping for others. This again is a time when we children are still at school and thinking sometimes real Christmasy thoughts.

What are Christmasy thoughts? They should be thoughts of what am I going to do for poor little Johnny, who is alone and poor? Whom can I ask mother to have at our Christmas dinner, who perhaps would have to eat all alone were it not for me? Whom can I help deliver little gifts on Christmas? And many more such thoughts. But do we think those things? Are we not much more likely to be thinking of what we ourselves are going to get?

So, children, if you really want to be happy on Christmas think Christmasy thoughts before Christmas and do Christmasy things on Christmas. Receive gifts? Yes. But give gifts as well—gifts of cheer, unselfishness and kindness—and your Christmas will be the merriest sort of day.

Store at Richmond, Mo., Burned.

Richmond, Mo., Dec. 26.—Fire that started from an overheated stove in the basement of the Estates department store destroyed the establishment with an estimated loss of \$50,000.

Eight Drown as Trawler Hits Mine.

Grimshy, England, Dec. 26.—The trawler Oceanus was sunk by a mine. Eight men were drowned, only the second engineer being saved.

RYKES PLUMBING CO.

HANAMO 270

OLD SANTA CLAUS.

[Author Unknown.]
Old Santa Claus sat all alone in his den.
With his leg crossed over his knee,
While a comical look peeped out at his eyes,
For a funny fellow is he.

His queer little cap was tumbled and torn,
And his wig was all awry,
But he sat and mused the whole day long,
While the hours went flying by.

He had been as busy as busy could be,
In filling his pack with toys.
He had gathered his nuts and baked his pies
To give to the girls and boys.

There were dolls for the girls and whips for the boys,
With wheelbarrows, horses and drays,
And barrels and trunks for dolly's new clothes.
All these in his pack he displays.

Or candy, too, both twisted and striped.
He had furnished a plentiful store,
While raisins and figs and prunes and grapes
Hung up on a peg by the door.

"I am almost ready," quoth he,
quoth he.
"And Christmas is almost here.
But one more thing—I must write them a book
And give to each one this year."

So he clapped his specs to his little round nose,
And, seizing the stump of a pen,
He wrote more lines in one little hour.
Than you ever could read in ten.
He told them stories, all pretty and new,
And wrote them all out in rhyme,
Then packed them away with his box of toys
To distribute one at a time.

And Christmas eve when all were in bed,
Right down the chimney he flew,
And, stretching the stocking leg out at the top,
He clapped in a book for you.

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KATE SCHENCK
Phones—Office 42 Home 688

A Three Line Want Ad Sold 25

Chickens on the second day it appeared, the evening it appeared the woman sold four chicken and on the third appearance of this want ad all the chickens were sold.

These sales, the result of a Democrat-Forum want ad, were made over the phone.

It cost less than a half cent each to make these sales which amounted to a dollar each.

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The same service is ready for you for the things you want to sell. These Democrat-Forum want ads are easy to use but produce big results.

You can take advantage of this want ad service just as others have done.

Phone 42 or Call at the Office.

Mamie and Maybird Parrish, Miss Irene Swinford, John Wise, W. H. Swinford, and the hosts.

SELLS TOP PRICE HOGS.

John Plummer of Burlington Junction Gets \$7.25 in St. Joseph.

John Plummer of near Burlington Junction had a load of 304-pound hogs on the St. Joseph market Wednesday that sold at the top of the trade, \$7.25 a hundred weight. The hogs which he marketed were of his own raising and showed the effects of careful treatment.

Other Nodaway county farmers who had live stock on the St. Joseph market Thursday were: Will N. Wray, Joe Holker, Lowrey & Shely, V. Fakes, Sam Corrough, Schneider Bros., J. B. Horton and Herndon & Bishop.

CATHOLICS OBSERVE XMAS.

Both Churches Hold Special Services Yesterday Morning in Day's Commemoration.

Christmas was observed yesterday morning with special services at both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Catholic churches of Maryville. High mass was held at each church at 6 o'clock and at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and a special choir program given.

HOLDS FUNERAL SERVICES.

Everett E. Dew Dies Thursday—Funeral at Clearmont Today.

The funeral services for Everett E. Dew, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dew of Clearmont, who died Thursday afternoon, were held this afternoon at the Baptist church of Clearmont, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Wray.

The young man was 27 years old and had been a sufferer with intestinal trouble for the past three months. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and four sisters.

Home from Quincy.

Magnus Tate, a student at the Gem City Business college, Quincy, Ill., is spending the holidays in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Tate.

FOR RENT—5-room flat, electric lights and bath, over Ashford millinery store. For particulars call Hanamo 38.

26-tf

EARL HACKETT DIES.

Succumbs Thursday—Funeral at Burlington Junction Tomorrow.

Earl Hackett, aged 46, died Thursday afternoon at his home, near Burlington Junction. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Christian church of Burlington Junction, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Love.

Mr. Hackett was married about ten years ago to Miss Fannie Rhoades, who, with two small children, survive.

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Merrie Christmas

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the Day bring forth its share of Good Things of Life and Happiness and real Content. Above all, may it be a day spent among those you Love the Best and who Love you.

May that which was unprofitable and unpleasant during the Nineteen Hundred Fourteen disappear with the old year, and may Good Health,

Good Fortune and Happiness be your companions for 1915.

Nodaway Valley Bank

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Electric Lighted Drawing Room all steel sleeping cars through from St. Louis to Jacksonville. Leaves St. Louis daily beginning January 4th at 2:15 pm, arriving Jacksonville 7:30 pm, next day. All meals en route in dining cars, service a la carte. Carries compartment and observation cars beyond Evansville. Quickest schedule of any train St. Louis to Jacksonville and over the most historic and interesting route.

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IN THE SOUTHEAST

GEO. E. HERRING, Div. Pass'r. Agt.
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OFFERS DAIRYING COURSE.

University Plans Seven Weeks Instruction, Beginning January 4—Takes Up All Phases.

A course which will prepare a man for a position in any kind of dairy work will open January 4 at the University of Missouri. It is a special course in dairying to last seven weeks. It will cover every phase of the work.

The course has classes in receiving, handling, grading, testing and pasteurization of milk. Theory and practical churning, the study of the factors influencing over-run, moisture and percentages, the making of ice cream and marketing are other subjects studied. The student is also given a chance to study the production side of dairying. He is taught the care, handling and feeding of the dairy herd.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.
Cattle—400. Estimate tomorrow, 20,000.

Hogs—8,000. Market 5¢ higher; top \$7.25. Estimate tomorrow, 4,000.

Sheep, 8,000.
Nothing received at Kansas City and St. Joseph.

Elmo Has 124 Pupils.

The report of W. A. Wright, principal of the Elmo schools, for the month ending December 21 shows that Elmo then had a total enrollment of 124 children in the public schools there. The report further shows that, considering the weather, there were few cases of tardiness or few pupils absent.

High grade Illinois Lump, Egg or Nut Coal, well forked. \$4.75 to \$5 per ton. Burlington track or delivered. Doll Reese, weigher. Wm. Everhart, ff.

Flowers For Christmas

Roses
Carnation
Lillies of the Valley
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Poinsettias, etc.

Beautiful Bloomy Cyclamen, Azaleas, Begonias, Ferns, etc.,
Christmas Wreaths and decorations of all kinds.

All orders carefully packed and delivered promptly. Telephone or write us if not able to call

The Engelmann Greenhouses

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Jack Horner Pies
Popular Feature of
Christmas Parties

ELABORATELY trimmed Jack Horner pies, within which are concealed small gifts and favors, are conspicuous at holiday parties. One design is in the shape of a huge Christmas bell. It is of gold paper, with clusters of holly tied in place with scarlet gauze ribbon, and is to be suspended by ribbon from a chandelier. Inside the white tissue paper lining are concealed two dozen favors, each one connected with a long streamer of scarlet gauze ribbon with a little gilt bell at the end.

The same design is carried out in an immense bell covered with frosted silver paper and decorated with sprays of mistletoe tied with green and scarlet tulle. The mistletoe harmonizes with the frostiness of the silver paper, and the tulle is even lighter and prettier than the gauze ribbon. The individual bells are of silver to match.

A big plum pudding Horner pie, made of just the right shade of brown crepe paper and with many little depressions showing simulated bits of fruit made of black glazed paper, is another design. Each simulated plum is the starting place for a ribbon attached to a gift, so that each guest is literally asked to "pull out a plum" from the contents of the big dish. The dish is surrounded with a circle of holly tied with a full bow of scarlet tulle.

Another Horner pie, designed to hang from a central chandelier, is in the form of a fashionable muff, with many frillings of white crepe paper and an elaborately arranged lining of white tissue, inside of which are the gifts. The muff represents white fur and is made of short fringes of paper. On each side is fastened a spray of mistletoe attached to the end of each red ribbon hanging from the inside of the muff.

Where the Jack Horner pie is to be used as a centerpiece on a table a small natural Christmas tree makes a pretty decoration. The gifts can be arranged in a pan or dish, giving space in the center for a firm base for the tree.

An ornamental flowerpot or jardiniere can be fashioned in this way, covering the outside with closely laid rows of twisted paper rope and scattering artificial moss around the base of the Christmas tree. Under this start the ribbons, connecting each gift to a miniature tree, which serves as a favor for each person.

Tiny wisps of evergreen, kept upright by a spool, make pretty table decorations at each plate. The spools can be painted red or green or can be covered with tissue paper.

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Horses
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Weighing from 1,200 to 1,800, from 4 to 20 years old. I will buy them from a good, fat, sound plug to as good as grow. Want some extra big good pairs and some big fat plugs. Bring them in. I will be in

Maryville, Saturday, December 26,
Maitland, Monday Forenoon, December 28,
Graham, Monday Afternoon, December 28,
Guilford, Tuesday Forenoon, December 29,
Barnard, Tuesday Afternoon, December 29,
Hopkins, Wednesday Afternoon, December 30,
Ravenwood, Thursday Afternoon, December 31.

Jim Andy Ford

JAPANESE DIET
IS DISSOLVED

Lower House Rejects Army Expansion Measure.

BUSINESS MEN TAKE A HAND.

They Try to Compose Differences Because Crisis in War Time Would Create Unfavorable Impression Closing Session is Dramatic.

Tokyo, Dec. 26.—The imperial diet was dissolved. The house of representatives rejected the army expansion measure proposed by the government. This led to the dissolution of the house.

The closing session of the house was dramatic in the extreme. The debate extended all through the day and on into the night. The house was unable to compose its differences and there was no sign that the debate was approaching its end, when it was announced that Emperor Yoshihito had exercised his royal prerogative, dissolving the diet.

Considerable opposition developed in the house to the budget for 1915, which showed an estimated expenditure of \$278,000,000 and a decrease of the revenues of \$40,500,000.

Recent dispatches from Tokyo have stated that there was good reason to believe that unless the house adopted the budget it would be dissolved by the emperor. The Merchants' association and Baron Shibasawa, president of the American Japanese association took steps a few days ago to urge the diet and cabinet to reach a compromise in the hope of preventing dissolution of the house and collapse of this ministry. They urged that a crisis in time of war would create an unfavorable impression abroad. The opposition leaders declared that proposals for increases in the army would be rejected.

RUSS REPORT SUCCESSES

Austrians Use German Tactics, but Are Repulsed.

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Russian successes are reported officially from the battle front before Warsaw and from that around Cracow, but without materially changing the situation. Especially vicious attacks have been made by the Germans between Plockow forty miles northeast of Cracow, and Nowemstole Korczyn at the junction of the Nida and Vistula rivers.

In this place the Austrians imitated the tactics of the Germans and tried to force a passage by sheer weight of numbers. They advanced repeatedly in solid formation against the Russian front in the face of a heavy artillery fire. The net result after two days' fighting was the capture by the Russians of nearly 5,000 prisoners, including half a hundred officers and the retention by the Russians of the left bank of the Nida, where they are strongly entrenched.

To the north the Russians are holding their own and are inflicting severe punishment on the Germans.

FLIER FRIGHTENS ENGLISH

Appears at Sheerness and Is Driven Away by Naval Aircraft.

Southend-on-Sea, England, Dec. 26.—The spectacle of a flight in the air, witnessed by thousands of spectators, was one which ten years ago would have been considered one of the wildest imaginations of fiction.

Three aeroplanes, one a German and two British, were flying overhead at seventy miles an hour, almost a mile high in the air. The German Taube was moving more swiftly than the others, which swung above it. The British were spitting fire, while the German was unable to reply on account of the position of the pursuers.

The spectacle lasted only five minutes. The German dodged and twisted in an effort to escape, but the British were on both sides pouring in rapid volleys. The German, after being hit three or four times, was driven off seaward.

VIENNA STRONGLY FORTIFIED

Austria-Hungary Prepares to Meet Invading Armies.

Vienna, Dec. 26.—An early peace is not looked for by the Austro-Hungarian government. The war measures now in hand and those contemplated indicate that a cessation of hostilities in the near future is most unlikely.

Military preparations continue to be made throughout the dual empire. Along many of the principal lines in eastern and northern Hungary military field works are being laid out on a large scale and the two principal cities of the empire, Vienna and Budapest, are being prepared for defense in a like manner. To the north and east of Vienna no less than nine lines of defense may be observed, and the field works of Budapest are even more extensive.

New South Wales Seizes All Wheat.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 26.—The government has seized the entire stock of wheat of New South Wales, excepting the amount needed for seed supplies for the farmers. This action is aimed at speculators who, taking advantage of war conditions, have been seeking to inflate prices. The government has fixed a price for the wheat of five shillings (\$1.20) per bushel.

True Christmas

Gift Found In
Every Stocking

STORY is told by one of those roving Scots, to whom the whole world is a patrimony, of two old immigrants in the highlands of Argentina who had left the old world for the new so long ago that they had almost forgotten their native tongue. But one Christmas eve, when the shrill wind blew about their windows and a silver veil about the moon held a threat of snow to come, they slipped back into the language of the land of their birth and began to put into words those endearing thoughts which in all countries are prefaced with "Do you remember?" Thus they recollect the day when her hair was like spun flax and he was a notable wrestler; the day when they were married; the days before the first of their children was born—the children who now had sought far distant homes of their own. "And do you remember?" said she, "how in the old land I put out my shoes one Christmas eve to see what luck the fairies would bring me?" * * * He remembered and—for they were growing sleepy, these old people—there was a long silence. "I have the shoes still," said she. And out of some drawer she brought the wooden shoes that she had worn on the Christmas eve when they were betrothed. "Shall we put them out again?" she whispered. "What's the use?" said he. "Perhaps it might bring back—who knows?" urged the old woman. And so before he raked out the embers she opened the door cautiously and set the two little shoes on the threshold. * * * And when the old people woke next morning he went half expectantly to the door and presently returned rather ruefully. "Look!" said he. "Here's all the luck we've got." * * * The shoes were filled with snow.

But that was not forgetfulness of fortune. The gift that came to the old people had reached them the night before, and presently you will guess what it was. Their case is the case of all of us—the young, the middle aged, the old. We each of us put out our shoes, hang up our stockings, expectant of the presents Santa Claus will bring and forgetful of the truth of experience that we are more likely to receive the gifts we deserve than the gifts we expect. That is not so, should not be so, with the children. Santa Claus softens the cynical regulation for them, and in the hospitals let us hope that the thrill of Christmas morn makes the dwellers in the cots forgetful for a moment of the trouble which has brought them there. Indeed, it does, and even if you filled their shoes with snow they would find a welcome for it. "It's cold and slushy outside," said a visitor to a little girl at the hospital. "You're warmer here." * * * "Ah, but," said she, "I like the snow. I'd like to see it a-comin' down." Nowhere, indeed, is the coming of Santa Claus so firmly believed in as it is in the children's wards of the great hospitals, for there is among the poor a simplicity of faith which tends to get wiser thin under circumstances when the round of happiness is more easily attainable.

Content—perhaps that's the thing, better than the cracker surprise, better than the first prize at the club, but content is the hardest gift for the fairies to bring. You hear of it in stories. Even in the story of the Princess Cleminta, who loved the Chevalier Wagner and knew it when he carried her over the snowy stream, we are given to understand that the lovers were soled in their parting because they parted for duty's sake. But the princess, we know, died in a convent, and her true lover died a lonely man, for his princess never came riding into the city of his dreams. But perhaps he had something instead of content, something which dies only with life itself. It is that which the old people found in the shoes. You will now have guessed what it was, and we wish you all no better gift, for the snow was bode.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS.

Order your Christmas wreaths as early as possible if you wish to have the most satisfactory results. Later on, when every one is so busy, one is apt to get what is left and be thankful.

A wreath of boxwood, with branches of holly, statice, cones and mistletoe arranged on it, and also a wide red satin bow, makes an exceedingly fine looking wreath. Wreaths made entirely of statice, with sprays of holly and mistletoe on them and red satin ribbon bows, are much liked.

Every one knows and likes the holly wreaths, especially when of great size and thickness and plentifully sprinkled with red berries. These three styles of wreaths are probably the best of all the various wreaths made up and sold at Christmas time.

Something Doing.
No wonder Christmas is the one best time of all the year, When all the little cares of life are made to disappear. And if there's one regret it is the precious moments fly. For everything is lovely when the mistletoe hangs high. —J. J. O'Connell in Philadelphia Ledger.

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General Leads His Troops Out of Vera Cruz After Stay of Many Months.



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Miscellaneous.

160 acres for \$650, near railroad, improved, 40 acres in cultivation. Leslie Land Co., desk 74, Leslie, Ark. 26-25

WOOD—Sawed oak wood, \$5 a cord delivered, and coal. Phone 6229. Partridge & McLain. 4-31

Get your shoes shined and trousers pressed at London Pantatorium. Work guaranteed. 30ft.

FOUND—Man's brown kid glove, wool lined, Ireland make. Owner may have glove by calling Democrat-Forum and paying for this ad. 26-28

SANITARY ENGINEERING requires experienced mechanics and good materials. Our appliances and "knowing how" insure satisfaction. Standard Plumbing Co.

FRESH OYSTERS—Direct from the coast. 20 cents the pint.—ANDREWS and Hempstead. 10tf.

NEW BARBER SHOP—W. H. Warren, who run the barber shop under the Nodaway Valley bank, has started a shop in Ream hotel, and will be glad to see his old customers as well as new ones. My prices from now on will be: Children's hair cut, 15c. W. H. Warren, Prop. 18-26

Lost.

LOST—Brown leather pocketbook containing \$10 bill, some change and a door key. Return to this office. 26-25

LOST—Stick pin, brown setting, small pearl, safety on end. Return to Democrat-Forum. 22-25

Help Wanted.

WANTED—Men to learn the barber trade. Positively the best trade of the kind. Can prepare you in short term. Wages while learning. Open to everyone. Apply by mail. Moler Barber College, Kansas City, Mo. 26-1

Centerville Lump Coal, well forked, \$4 per ton, delivered or at Burlington track. Doll Reese, weigher. Wm. Everhart. tf.

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